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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday
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2022

DAILY REPORT

28th
Legislative
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 29th Legislative Day on Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 202 Georgia Driver's Education Commission; violation of traffic laws or ordinance under Joshua's Law; increase additional penalty

Bill Summary: House Bill 202 increases the additional penalty under Joshua's Law from 1.5 percent to 3 percent of the original fine. The bill removes the sunset provision on this Code section. The bill expands eligibility for specified driver education and training to persons 21 years of age or younger in specified instances as well as establishes the Driver's Education Trust Fund.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 139 Nays: 27

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 203 Special license plates; Tybee Island Historical Society; establish

Bill Summary: House Bill 203 creates a specialty license plate supporting the Tybee Island Historical Society.

Authored By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 424 Income tax; change certain definitions

Bill Summary: House Bill 424 also establishes a tax credit for contributions to "foster care support organizations," which are defined as being the aging-out programs of the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation, a Governor's Office of Planning and Budget certified aging-out program of the University System of Georgia Foundation, or any 501(c)(3) corporation that has the primary function of operating an aging-out program, operating as or supporting a Georgia-licensed child-placing agency, or disbursing funds directly to one or more of the prior listed entities. Taxpayers are allowed a 100 percent income tax credit for qualified donations to foster care support organizations provided that for the first six months of each year, a single individual or head of household shall not be allowed a credit of more than \$2,500; a married couple, individual who is a member of a limited-liability company, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership shall not be allowed a credit of more than \$5,000; and a corporation shall not be allowed a credit of more than 10 percent of the corporation's income tax liability. This tax credit has an annual aggregate cap of \$20 million.

Authored By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 733 Insurance; guaranteed asset protection waiver; revise definition

Bill Summary: House Bill 733 allows guaranteed asset protection waivers to provide a benefit that waives an amount or provides a borrower with a credit towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle with or without a separate charge.

Authorized By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th)
House Insurance
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 824 Georgia Legislative Retirement System; retirement allowance; increase

Bill Summary: House Bill 824 increases the member contribution rate for the Legislative Retirement System (LRS) from 8.5 percent of the member's monthly salary to \$165 each month, and the "presiding member" of the House will now contribute \$660 each month. The bill also changes the monthly benefit to \$50 for each year of creditable service for any individual that was a contributing member on January 1, 2022, and an additional \$200 for each year of a member's presiding creditable service. This bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuarial investigation has determined there is no cost to enact this legislation.

Authorized By: Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)
House Retirement
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 151 Nays: 17

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-14-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 830 Courts; limiting sheriffs to one additional salary for serving as the sheriff of multiple courts; repeal provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 830 allows a sheriff to be compensated by a supplement for official services by up to two courts.

Authorized By: Rep. Chris Erwin (28th)
House Public Safety & Homeland Security
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 918 Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council; provide establishment

Bill Summary: House Bill 918 creates the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council under the Department of Public Health, which advises the General Assembly and agencies on the needs of those with rare diseases in Georgia. The council will meet no less than quarterly and have opportunities for public comment. The council will also convene public hearings, consult with experts, evaluate recommendations, publish resources, and identify best practices.

Council members are appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the House. Members will include a non-state employee chair; a representative from an academic research institution in the state that receives grant funding for rare disease research; a representative from the Division of Medical Assistance Plans of the Department of Community Health; a representative of the Division of Family and Children Services; a geneticist; a registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse with experience treating rare diseases; a physician with experience treating rare diseases; a pediatric specialist trained in treating children with rare diseases; two patients with a rare disease; a caregiver of a person with a rare disease; a representative of a rare disease patient organization; a representative of the biopharma industry; a representative from a state health plan company; and a social worker with experience with rare disease patients. Members will not be compensated, but will be allowed reimbursement in performance of their duties.

An annual report detailing activities of the council, funding status update, and recommendations will be provided to the governor and General Assembly and be made available for public comment. The first report is due no later than June 30, 2023.

Authorized By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

House Committee: Health & Human Services
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 1

Committee Action: 02-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 923 Local government; development authorities; cap the per diem allowance available to directors

Bill Summary: House Bill 923 sets a specified limit on the per diem allowance paid to development authority directors. The bill authorizes, in addition to the governor, the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission and local ethics boards or offices to have concurrent jurisdiction over ethics violations of development authority members. The bill establishes and clarifies the procedures for ethics violation hearings of development authority members.

Authored By: Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (82nd)
House Committee: Governmental Affairs
Floor Vote: Yeas: 172 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 931 Ad valorem tax; contents of certificates of title of motor vehicles; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 931 amends 48-5C-1, relating to title ad valorem tax, by excluding upgrades or enhancements meant to enable or accommodate individuals who use wheelchairs from the fair market value of the vehicle.

Authored By: Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)
House Committee: Ways & Means
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 03-14-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 937 Medicaid; coverage for annual mammograms at no cost to recipient; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 937 requires the Department of Community Health to provide Medicaid coverage for mammograms at no cost to the patient as long as the screening is recommended based on the patient's health status.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Henderson (113th)
House Committee: Health & Human Services
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-14-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 972 Professional counselors; licensing requirements; change certain definitions

Bill Summary: House Bill 972 updates the 'Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists Licensing Law.' The bill allows for people participating in an internship, a practicum under supervision, or under the direction of a person certified as a rehabilitation counselor, to be exempt from licensure requirements for practicing professional counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy.

The bill also removes the authorization for those exempt under O.C.G.A. 43-10A-7 to serve as supervisors without being licensed. The requirement that applicants have at least two personal references from supervisors or teachers is replaced with a requirement that they have completed a graduate level course or equivalent.

In order to obtain an associate professional counselor license, a candidate must have a minimum of a master's degree in clinical counseling or counseling psychology and must have registered an acceptable contract with the board for obtaining the post-degree experience required for licensure as a professional counselor. In order to obtain a professional counselor license, a candidate must have a minimum of a master's degree in clinical counseling or counseling psychology and two years of post-degree experience under direction and supervision in an acceptable work setting.

The bill raises the minimum fine for individuals who violate O.C.G.A. 43-10A-19 or O.C.G.A. 43-10A-7 to \$500 for each offense, and expands the potential punishment for business entities who

violate O.C.G.A. 43-10A-21 to include imprisonment for up to 12 months.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
House Regulated Industries
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 997 Ad valorem tax; timber equipment and timber products held by timber producers; provide exemption

Bill Summary: House Bill 997 adds 48-5-41.3, which exempts timber equipment from ad valorem taxation. Timber equipment includes all equipment owned or held under a lease-purchase agreement by a timber producer and is directly used in the production or harvest of timber products, excluding motor vehicles. "Timber producers" are defined as any one or more individuals or entities registered to do business in the state that are primarily involved in the subsistence or commercial production or harvest of timber products. The bill also provides language for a referendum to be included on the November 2022 ballot.

Authored By: Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 171 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-07-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1034 Sales and use tax; exemption for sales of admissions to nonrecurring major sporting events; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 1034 amends Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by expanding the sales tax exemption for sales of admissions to non-recurring major sporting events to include any match of a FIFA World Cup and by extending the sunset date from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2031.

Authored By: Rep. Marcus Wiedower (119th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 155 Nays: 15

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 02-17-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1041 Income tax; tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations; increase aggregate limit

Bill Summary: House Bill 1041 amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, by increasing the annual aggregate cap from \$60 million to \$75 million.

Authored By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1053 Income tax; certain expenditures made by postproduction companies; extend tax credit

Bill Summary: House Bill 1053 amends 48-7-40.26A, the 'Georgia Entertainment Industry Postproduction Investment Act,' by extending the tax credit through December 31, 2027, and reducing the carry forward time of the tax credits earned from five years to three years.

The bill also requires each company that claims the post-production tax credit or film tax credit to be subject to Georgia income tax for income that is derived from residual payments due to employment, trade, business, profession, or other activity performed within Georgia with respect to a state-certified production.

Authored By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Floor Vote: Yeas: 140 Nays: 25**Amendments:****HB 1068 State government; service of process for state tort claims; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 1068 requires a chief executive officer of a state government entity to provide a designee for service of process for civil actions brought against the state. That designee's name, title, and office address shall be published on that entity's website. The designee shall be present at the published office address no fewer than three days each week.

Authored By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 2

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-11-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1180 State government; regional commissions; appointment of nonpublic members; revise provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1180 changes the membership requirements of regional commissions. The bill requires and provides guidelines for the establishment of regional commission executive committees.

Authored By: Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 172 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-11-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1184 Education; college entrance exam to public school students in grade 11; require administration

Bill Summary: House Bill 1184 amends the O.C.G.A. to add a new code section, 20-2-281.2, that allows each local school system, state chartered special school, state charter school, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide for up to three administrations of nationally recognized college entrance exam to public school students enrolled in grade 11 who choose to participate. Each exam administration is to take place during normal school hours and shall be system or school-wide.

Authored By: Rep. Al Williams (168th)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1187 Sales and use tax; exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; extend sunset

Bill Summary: House Bill 1187 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by extending the sunset date for the sales tax exemption for high-technology data center equipment to be incorporated or used in a high-technology data center from December 31, 2028, to December 31, 2033, and revising new job creation and expenditure requirements. In counties with a population of greater than 50,000, the job creation requirement is increased from 20 to 25 quality jobs. In counties with a population between 30,000 and 50,000, the new job creation requirement is reduced from 20 to 10 quality jobs, and the expenditure requirement is reduced from \$150 million to \$75 million. In counties with a population of less than 30,000, the job creation requirement is reduced from 20 to 5 quality jobs, and the expenditure requirement is reduced from \$100 million to \$25 million. Also, in counties with a population of less than 50,001, the high-technology data center is eligible to receive the Quality Jobs Tax Credit as well as the sales tax exemption on data center equipment.

Authored By: Rep. Noel Williams (148th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 153 Nays: 14

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-14-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1283 Quality Basic Education Act; recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1283 amends the O.C.G.A. 20-2-323 to provide for recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five every day, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Recess

shall not be required on any school day on which a student has had physical education or for other reasons. Each local education board shall establish written policies on recess and ensure it is not withheld for disciplinary or academic reasons.

Authored By: Rep. Demetrius Douglas (78th)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 115 Nays: 12

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1291 Sales and use tax; exemption for sale or lease of computer equipment of high-technology companies; revise spending threshold and extend sunset date

Bill Summary: House Bill 1291 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by extending the sunset on the exemption for sales or leases of computer equipment to high-technology companies from June 30, 2023, to December 31, 2033, and modifying the exemption process. The bill removes the ability of the Department of Revenue to issue sales tax exemption certificates for computer equipment and replaces it with a requirement for companies to submit requests for refunds following the completion of the tax year. Companies are eligible for refunds, without interest, on all sales taxes paid on eligible computer equipment, with the exception of 10 percent of the first \$15 million of purchases. The bill also specifies that computers or devices issued to employees and prewritten software are not eligible expenses.

Authored By: Rep. Vance Smith (133rd)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 150 Nays: 17

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1297 Insurance; discount for property owners who build a new property that better resists tornado and catastrophic windstorm events; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1297 provides an insurance premium discount or reduction for a home or commercial property that is built to fortified standards to better resist catastrophic wind events.

Authored By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)
House Insurance
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 174 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1330 Georgia Music and Theatre Jobs Recovery Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1330 amends 48-7-40.33, relating to tax credits for musical or theatrical performances, by revising the definitions of "musical or theatrical performance" and "spending threshold"; increasing the tax credit from 15 to 30 percent of the qualified production expenditures; and establishing an annual aggregate cap on the tax credit of \$5 million for 2023, \$10 million for 2024 and 2025, and \$15 million for 2026 and 2027. The definition of "musical or theatrical performance" is revised by eliminating the requirement that a series of live performances occur over the course of a 12-month period or longer, as well as the option to have prepared and rehearsed a minimum of seven days in Georgia with its United States debut in Georgia. The definition of "spending threshold" during a taxable year is revised by reducing the amount for all musical or theatrical performances from \$500,000 to \$100,000; for recorded musical performances incorporated into a movie, television, or interactive entertainment production from \$250,000 to \$50,000; and for all other recorded musical performances from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Production companies are also allowed to aggregate qualified expenditures from one or more performances to meet or exceed the spending thresholds. The time unused credits are allowed to be carried forward is reduced from five to three years.

The bill also requires each production company that claims the tax credit to be subject to Georgia income tax for income that is derived from residual payments due to employment, trade, business, profession, or other activity performed within Georgia with respect to a state certified production.

Authored By: Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th)

Rule Applied: Structured

House Committee: Ways & Means
Floor Vote: Yeas: 146 Nays: 26

Committee Action: 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1335 Holidays and observances; provide for Public Safety Week

Bill Summary: House Bill 1335 aligns Georgia Code with the federal holiday list to provide 13 state holidays and designates Public Safety Week in September each year.

Authored By: Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th)
House Committee: Rules
Floor Vote: Yeas: 152 Nays: 2

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-15-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1350 Wills, trusts, and administration of estates; executors to send notices to beneficiaries regarding filing of petitions to probate wills; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 1350, relating to notice requirements for beneficiaries of wills, requires a personal representative of an estate to send notice to all beneficiaries within 30 days of issuance of letters and requires filing of notices with the probate court within 60 days of issuance of letters. A personal representative who fails to comply with these requirements absent sufficient cause may be cited to appear and show cause.

The bill also amends the Uniform Transfer on Death Security Registration by adding investment or other types of security or trust accounts with a bank or trust company to the definition of "security account".

Authored By: Rep. Will Wade (9th)
House Committee: Judiciary
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-07-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1354 Wrongful Conviction Compensation Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1354 is the 'Wrongful Conviction Compensation Act.' The bill creates the Wrongful Conviction Compensation Review Panel under the authority of the Claims Advisory Board. The review panel is composed of five members serving three-year terms. Members of the panel include a judge who presides over felony criminal matters in any state court who is appointed by the chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court; a prosecutor appointed by the governor; a criminal defense attorney appointed by the governor; an attorney, forensic science expert, or law professor with expertise in wrongful convictions who is appointed by the speaker; and an attorney, forensic science expert, or law professor with expertise in wrongful convictions who is appointed by the president of the Senate.

In order to be eligible for compensation, the claimant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that: 1) the claimant was convicted of one or more felonies and subsequently incarcerated; 2) the claimant proclaims his or her innocence; 3) the claimant did not commit, or bribe or induce someone to commit perjury, fabricate evidence, or engage in conduct intended to bring about the conviction; and 4) the claimant was exonerated for the crime in which compensation is being requested.

In order to receive compensation, the claimant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that: 1) the claimant received a pardon based on innocence for the conviction; 2) the claimant was exonerated based on grounds of innocence; or 3) the claimant did not commit the crime for which the claimant was convicted and did not commit any lesser-included offenses. The claim must be filed with the board within three years after the date that the claimant's eligibility was established. If a hearing is held, the claimant, the district attorney from the circuit that the conviction occurred, and the attorney general will be provided notice in advance.

Recommendations to the board may include \$100,000 for each year of wrongful incarceration, although they shall not be less than \$50,000 per year. The review panel is allowed to include

reasonable attorneys' fees, as well. Any monetary judgment or settlement agreement against the state or a locality that is related to the wrongful conviction will be deducted from the sum of money that is included in the recommendation of the review panel. The board will adopt the recommendation of the panel and transmit the recommendation to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia within seven days of receiving it. If the chief justice adopts the recommendation of the board, it will be paid from the judiciary budget, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly. Payment shall be made in the form of an annuity, with claimants who are 60 years or older receiving payments over a 10-year period and claimants under the age of 60 receiving payments over a 20-year period.

The bill defines "exonerated" as having his or her judgment reversed or vacated, having been granted a new trial, and having the indictment or accusation dismissed or nolle prossed; having his or her judgment reversed or vacated, or was granted a new trial and, upon retrial, acquitted; or having received a pardon based on innocence.

Authored By: Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 11

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-07-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1382 Local government; require directors to do yearly continuing education

Bill Summary: House Bill 1382 requires specified directors or members of development authority to complete continuing training on development and redevelopment programs each year. The required training will serve as a prerequisite for the authority to receive specified funding.

Authored By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-02-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1387 Motor vehicles and traffic; suspension for failure to pay a civil penalty for a violation of overtaking a school bus or speeding in a school zone; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1387 establishes that non-payment of penalties and fees resulting from overtaking a school bus or speeding in a school zone will result in the suspension of motor vehicle registration.

Authored By: Rep. J. Collins (68th)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 136 Nays: 29

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1390 Labor and industrial relations; right of action against a county or city employer for retaliation; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1390 provides a cause of action for individuals working for a local government if that local government (county, municipal, or consolidated) takes a work-related adverse reaction against the individual because that individual has opposed sexual harassment, filed a complaint related to sexual harassment, or participated or planned to participate in an action or proceeding related to sexual harassment.

Authored By: Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 172 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-11-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1404 Community Health, Department of; submit waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize private institutions for mental disease to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement

Bill Summary: House Bill 1404 instructs the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services allowing private mental health institutions

to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement.

Authored By: Rep. Robert Pruitt (149th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 5

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1405 The Zoning Procedures Law; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 1405 revises the 'Zoning Procedures Law' to establish procedures and notice requirements for specified zoning hearings before quasi-judicial officers, boards, or agencies. The bill requires local governments to provide hearings when a zoning decision is granted or denied.

Authored By: Rep. Shea Roberts (52nd)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-02-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1421 Conservation and natural resources; Hazardous Waste Trust Fund; dedicate the proceeds of certain hazardous waste fees

Bill Summary: House Bill 1421 amends 12-8-95, relating to the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund, by requiring that fees collected for the disposal of solid wastes and hazardous wastes be annually appropriated to the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund.

Authored By: Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-07-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1424 Georgia Lottery for Education Act; administrative procedures regarding coin operated amusement machines shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1424 clarifies that only Article 1 (General Provisions) and Article 2 (Setoff of Debt Collection Against Lottery Prizes) are exempt from Chapter 13 of the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Any licensure, rules, regulations, procedures, or administrative hearings regarding violations of Article 3 (Bona Fide Coin Operated Amusement Machines) are subject to Chapter 13 of the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Further, hearings under O.C.G.A. 50-27-102 will be held in accordance with the Georgia Arbitration Code.

The bill sets a maximum redemption award on a per-play basis for a Class A machine to the wholesale value of \$50. The terms "gift certificate" and "gift card" are defined as being a prepaid card that can be reloaded, but not exchanged for cash or other currency.

A location owner or location operator is permitted to offer gift cards for non-cash redemption for Class A and Class B coin-operated amusement machines. Winnings can be redeemed for goods or services that are lawful to purchase, for a gift certificate, or for a gift card. Players can redeem their winnings from a self-service gift card or gift certificate redemption device. An exemption to O.C.G.A. 50-27-84 is added for historical fraternal benefit associations and veterans organizations.

Authored By: Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)
House Regulated Industries
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 100 Nays: 67

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1425 Medical cannabis; Governor to issue initial Class 1 and Class 2 production licenses for a limited time period; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 1425, concerning medical cannabis licensing, cancels the November 23, 2020, competitive application request for proposals and directs the Medical Cannabis Commission to take all needed steps to purchase or obtain necessary quantities of low-THC oil or other similar products from an available legal source. The commission is directed to take all necessary steps to

provide for low-THC oil dispensation, including the development and issuance of dispensing licenses for independent pharmacies and designated universities. The commission shall issue a new competitive application request no later than December 31, 2022, to award two initial Class 1 production licenses and four initial Class 2 production licenses. Applicants who submitted prior applications may submit a proposal without paying an additional application fee. Reporting requirements to the Medical Cannabis Commission Oversight Committee are established. The application request will be managed by the Department of Administrative Services, evaluated by an independent third party, and subject to state purchasing and open records laws. For every increase of 50,000 patients, the commission shall issue one additional Class 1 and one additional Class 2 license. Ulcerative colitis is added to the list of eligible conditions.

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| Author(s): | Rep. William Werkheiser (157th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Judiciary | Committee | 03-14-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 169 Nays: 5 | Amendments: | |

HB 1435 Education; needs based financial aid program; include eligibility for students with a financial aid gap

Bill Summary: House Bill 1435 amends the O.C.G.A. 20-3-360 to include eligibility for needs-based financial aid programs for students, part-time and full-time undergraduates, with a financial aid gap. A "financial aid gap" is defined in the bill as the monetary amount remaining after other funding for the cost of attendance certified by a qualified institution. Qualified students are those who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, who are eligible for a scholarship or grant, and who have completed 80 percent of the credit requirements toward the credential of their study program. Qualified institutions include all University System of Georgia schools, Technical College System of Georgia schools, and non-proprietary institutions eligible for Tuition Equalization Grants. The bill clarifies the maximum award amount to be \$2,500 in total per each eligible student. HB 1435 has a sunset date of June 30, 2025.

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| Author(s): | Rep. Chuck Martin (49th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Higher Education | Committee | 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 171 Nays: 3 | Amendments: | |

HB 1443 Mobile food service establishments; operate in county of origin or other counties without an additional permit; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1443 allows for a mobile food establishment that is permitted in one county to operate in other counties in the state. To do so, the establishment must both submit a copy of a permit from the county of origin to the outside county of operation as well as await the outside county's board of health to verify that the permit is in good standing with the Georgia Department of Public Health. The outside county may reject the establishment's permit if the permit is not in good standing with the county of origin. A mobile food service establishment must renew its permit annually in the county of origin and provide the renewed permit to any outside counties within which it operates.

Outside counties may conduct periodic and unannounced inspections on any mobile food service establishment with a permit from another county. If an establishment fails an inspection, the outside county may both notify the county of origin, or any other county within which the establishment is permitted, as well as levy a fine or terminate the permit. Any fees for inspections shall be paid by the next business day and failure to do so will result in termination of a permit in that county.

The Department of Public Health may establish rules and regulations regarding mobile food service establishments, including an expedited permit process.

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| Author(s): | Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Agriculture & Consumer Affairs | Committee | 03-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 171 Nays: 0 | Amendments: | |

HB 1461 Local government; annexation of territory; revise provisions relating to dispute resolution

Bill Summary: House Bill 1461 requires a municipal corporation to provide notice of a petition of annexation to any impacted school system. The bill provides proposed annexation objection and arbitration guidelines and procedures for impacted school systems and county governing authorities.

Authored By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 172 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1464 Georgia Bureau of Investigation; original jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and election crimes; provide

Bill Summary: Sections 1 and 3: Provide that any private person or non-governmental entity seeking to provide a grant or donation to the state or an election superintendent for any purpose related to election administration must file an application for approval with the State Election Board. The State Election Board will determine if the grant offers a partisan advantage. Approved grants must be made directly to the State Election Board and the State Election Board will distribute the funds at their discretion.

Section 2: Allows the State Election Board to appoint members of county boards of elections or county boards of elections and registration to performance review boards.

Section 4: For statewide general elections in each precinct with optical scanning voting systems, the county election superintendent is required to provide at least one voting booth for each 250 electors who have not yet voted in the current election.

Section 5: Clarifies the language that must be included on any absentee ballot application mailed to an elector by a non-governmental entity. Clarifies that there is nothing preventing a person or entity from providing blank absentee ballot applications to electors or from directing electors to an electronic version.

Section 6: Repeals provisions related to state write-in absentee ballots utilized by military members and citizens residing outside of the United States.

Section 7: Requires drop boxes to be locked when advance voting is not being conducted at that location or when the advance-voting period ends. Completion of the ballot transfer form must serve as an initial chain of custody document for absentee ballots collected from drop boxes; additional chain of custody requirements are provided.

Sections 8, 11, and 12: Provide chain of custody requirements and handling and storage guidelines for specified election materials.

Section 9: Provides that employees must be permitted time off to vote on either Election Day or on an advance-voting day.

Section 10: Clarifies that each political party and political body that has a candidate whose name appears on the ballot is entitled to designate a specified number of poll watchers in specified instances. Requires that certified poll watchers are allowed meaningful observation and access to specified election processes.

Section 13: Clarifies the information an election superintendent is required to report to the Secretary of State and required to post in a public place following poll closure on the day of an election.

Sections 14 and 15: Remove the requirement of sealing the copies of the consolidated primary and election returns that each election superintendent files with the clerk of the superior court.

Section 16: Requires the clerk or county records manager to retain and preserve specified election materials for 24 months and prevent the materials from being altered, amended, damaged, modified, or mutilated.

Section 17: Establishes that individuals committing the following actions are guilty of a felony: threatening force or violence on a poll officer or election official; materially interrupting or improperly interfering with the execution of official election duties; or intimidating poll officers or election officials from performing their duties.

Sections 18 and 19: Provide the Georgia Bureau of Investigation with original jurisdiction and subpoena power to investigate election fraud and election crimes.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. James Burchett (176th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Special Committee on Election | Committee | 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | Integrity | Action: | Substitute |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 98 Nays: 73 | Amendments: | |

HB 1478 Motor vehicles and traffic; electronic submission of certificates of title to Department of Revenue by motor vehicle dealers; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1478 allows for the option to submit certificate of title applications electronically.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Jason Ridley (6th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Motor Vehicles | Committee | 03-08-2022 Do Pass |
| Committee: | | Action: | |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 165 Nays: 2 | Amendments: | |

HB 1479 State Board of Registration for Foresters; independent state agency; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1479 removes the State Board of Registration for Foresters from within the Secretary of State and establishes the board as a separate entity administratively attached to the State Forestry Commission. Individuals nominated to the board by the governor must be confirmed by the Senate. The board may issue cease and desist orders as well as impose a fine of no more than \$500 for violations.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. John Corbett (174th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Natural Resources & Environment | Committee | 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 174 Nays: 0 | Amendments: | |

HB 1481 Motor vehicles; standards for issuance of dealer license plates; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1481 provides guidelines for allocating specified plates to motor vehicle dealers.

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| Authorized By: | Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House | Motor Vehicles | Committee | 03-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | | Action: | Substitute |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 165 Nays: 0 | Amendments: | |

HB 1482 Education; eligibility criteria for project specific capital outlay grants for low-wealth schools systems; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 1482 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-262 to revise the eligibility criteria for project-specific capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems. The criteria for eligibility, under the provisions of this bill, are that a local school system must be currently, or was in the most recent three years, ranked in the bottom 25 percent of school systems in sales tax revenue per full-time equivalent (FTE) student count and value of property per FTE student count. For local school systems in which the amount of special purpose local option sales tax revenues is ranked in the bottom 25 percent of eligible local school systems receiving such sales tax revenues, that system may submit a request to the department for consideration. The system must commit five years of such revenues to the project.

In order to consolidate educational facilities, the system must be more than 35 years old. Once a local

school system has received a capital outlay grant and its need is met, according to the Department of Education, it is not eligible to receive another grant for a period of ten years. The State Board of Education establishes rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this bill.

Authored By: Rep. Chris Erwin (28th)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1483 Professions and businesses; licensure by endorsement in social work; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1483 reduces the number of required supervised hours for social work practice from three years (3,000 hours) to 2,000 hours. The bill also allows licensed clinical social work (LCSW) applicants enrolled in a master's degree accredited social work program to sit for the social work licensing examination in their final semester. HB 1483 will issue licenses by endorsement in social work from other jurisdictions or states if the license requirements are equivalent to that of Georgia. The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists is required to review and revise its rules and regulations related to licensed clinical and master's social workers.

Authored By: Rep. Matt Barton (5th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 173 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-14-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1484 Social services; three-year pilot program to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS under Medicaid; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1484 creates a pilot program in the State Health Benefit Plan for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS). Covered treatment can include the use of intravenous immune globulin therapy and other methods. The three-year pilot begins on January 1, 2024, and includes a maximum of 100 individuals annually. The Department of Community Health will work with a patient advocacy organization to create outreach and educational resources for the eligible population and pediatric providers. Beginning December 31, 2024, the department will submit an annual report to the House and Senate Health and Human Services committees to include covered treatments, cost, and the total number of participants, providers, and claims.

Authored By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 174 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1496 Animals; sheriff impounding livestock running at large to donate livestock to an animal rescue organization or private individual; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 1496 allows sheriffs in possession of impounded and unclaimed livestock to donate an animal to a rescue organization or private individual, in addition to being able to auction or euthanize the animal.

Authored By: Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th)
House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 174 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1515 Education; tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities; revise definition of approved school

Bill Summary: House Bill 1515 amends O.C.G.A 20-3-411 to revise the definition of "approved school," in reference to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, to include schools that were previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and

who are now accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools if they meet all other requirements to be considered an approved school.

Authored By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th)
House Higher Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1516 Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority; provide for definitions; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1516 repeals provisions for joint operations between the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and instead allows for joint operations between the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority and the Classic Center Authority. The Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority consists of five voting members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. Three members are selected from the state at large and two members are residents of Athens-Clarke County. The board members of the Classic Center Authority shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the authority.

Authored By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th)
House Creative Arts & Entertainment
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1520 Georgia Council on Addressing Health Care Workforce Challenges; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1520 creates the Georgia Council on Addressing Health Care Workforce Challenges in order to provide strategic thought leadership and recommendations on the future of the health care workforce in Georgia. The council is composed of 27 members, including specified appointments from the governor, president of the Senate, and speaker of the House of Representatives. HB 1520 requires the council to meet at least twice a year and includes specific duties and powers of the council. The council is abolished on June 30, 2025.

Authored By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)
House Human Relations & Aging
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 10

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-08-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1522 Commerce and trade; certain additional information to be provided to beauty pageant contestants before accepting a fee; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 1522 adds the following informational items to be provided to entrants of a beauty pageant: internet website of the operator; email address of the organization conducting the pageant; and email address of the individual authorized to accept service of process.

Authored By: Rep. Jason Ridley (6th)
House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 8

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1528 Commerce and trade; illegal for certain persons to purchase or attempt to purchase, possess, obtain, or sell used, detached catalytic converters; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1528 prohibits the possession, transport, or sale of used, detached catalytic converters by unauthorized individuals. Unauthorized individuals in possession of used, detached catalytic converters are subject to item forfeiture and each unlawfully possessed item is considered a separate offense.

Authored By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 134 Nays: 37

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1533 Professions and businesses; professional programs that address career fatigue and wellness in healthcare professionals are not obligated to report to licensing boards except in certain circumstances; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1533 provides that no person or entity is required to report information to a licensing board regarding a healthcare professional who is participating in a professional program that addresses issues related to career fatigue and wellness in healthcare professionals unless the person or entity determines that there is reasonable probability that the professional is not competent to practice or a danger to themselves, patients, or the public. The bill provides for immunity from civil liability for members of any committee, board, group, or commission that reviews, evaluates, or makes recommendations on these professional programs. HB 1533 provides that proceedings and related documents of a professional program are not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil action, with exceptions.

Authored By: Rep. Mark Newton (123rd)
House Committee: Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 2

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1553 Bishop's Law; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 1553 is 'Bishop's Law,' which requires that any inmate convicted of the murder of a peace officer killed in the line of duty be assigned housing in a facility designed for the maximum level of oversight. The bill prohibits the transfer of any such prisoner to a lower security facility without written documentation of the justification of the transfer and notice to the peace officer's family. The board of Corrections is required to revalidate any risk and needs assessment instrument by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter. The board is also required to assess performance outcomes relevant to the level and type of treatment given to an inmate and the outcome on his or her recidivism and report annually to the governor, lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, and the chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary committees. Additionally, the board is required to evaluate the quality of the programming utilized in all department facilities except state prisons by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter and publicly publish its report.

Authored By: Rep. Clint Crowe (110th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security
Floor Vote: Yeas: 171 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-14-2022 Do Pass
Amendments:

HR 593 Perry, Mr. Dennis Arnold; compensate

Bill Summary: House Resolution 593 authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay \$1,230,000 to Dennis Arnold Perry as compensation for his wrongful conviction. After an initial payment of \$307,500, the remainder shall be paid in the form of a 20-year annuity. All payments are exempt from state income tax and shall continue to be paid to Dennis Arnold Perry's estate upon his death.

Authored By: Rep. Don Hogan (179th)
House Committee: Appropriations
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 6
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HR 626 Robinson, Kerry; compensate

Bill Summary: House Resolution 626 authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay \$480,000 to Kerry Robinson as compensation for his wrongful conviction. After an initial payment of \$120,000, the remainder shall be paid in the form of a 20-year annuity. All payments are exempt from state income tax and shall continue to be paid to Kerry Robinson's estate upon his death.

Authored By: Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st)
House Committee: Appropriations
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 6

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

HR 686 Ad valorem tax; rate reduction for sale or harvest of timber; provide - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 686 amends the Georgia State Constitution, relating to the ad valorem taxation of timber, by reducing the rate of taxation from two and one half times the rate of other real property to the same rate as other real property. The resolution also requires the General Assembly to annually appropriate funds to each county, municipality, or school district that experiences a revenue reduction resulting from the revised tax rate on timber in an amount equal to 50 percent of the revenue reduction for the jurisdiction's first three percent of ad valorem tax revenue and 100 percent of revenue loss that exceeds three percent of the jurisdiction's ad valorem revenue. Ballot language is also included.

Authored By: Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)
House Committee: Ways & Means
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 02-24-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HR 732 Local government; date temporary loans are payable from end of calendar year to fiscal year; change - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 732 proposes an amendment to the Georgia Constitution to change the payable date of temporary loans for counties and municipalities from December 31 of each year to within 12 months of the initial funding.

Authored By: Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)
House Committee: Governmental Affairs
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 3
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HR 820 James J. Boss Memorial Roundabout; Barrow County; dedicate

Bill Summary: HR 820 is the annual road facility dedication package and includes the following dedications:

HR 820, dedicating the intersection of State Route 211 and Old Hog Mountain/Covered Bridge Road in Barrow County as the James J. Boss Memorial Roundabout;

HR 572, dedicating the portion of State Route 139 from Church Street to State Route 85 in Clayton County as the Gold Star Fathers of Georgia Highway;

HR 573, dedicating the portion of State Route 54 from the Clayton/Fayette line to U.S. 41 in Clayton County as the Arnold Fountain Professional Club Highway;

HR 574, dedicating the bridge on State Route 70 at Interstate 285 in Fulton County as the Rev. Joseph Jones Sr. and Darnella Jones Memorial Bridge;

HR 582, dedicating the portion of State Route 372 from Ball Ground Highway to Interstate 575 in Cherokee and Pickens counties as the Roger William Cavender Memorial Highway;

HR 628, dedicating the intersection of State Route 78 and Oak Drive in Gwinnett County as the SPC Etienne J. Murphy Memorial Intersection;

HR 649, dedicating the intersection of State Route 1/U.S. 27 and Little Texas Valley Road in Floyd County as the Judge Larry Salmon Memorial Intersection;

HR 668, dedicating the interchange of Interstate 575 at Exit 11 in Cherokee County as the Joseph W. Burson Memorial Bridge;

HR 685, dedicating the State Route 11/Social Circle Bypass bridge at the Little River in Walton County as the Sgt. James Terry Savage Memorial Bridge;

HR 706, dedicating the bridge on State Route 109 over Gola Creek in Pike County as the Rex J. Yerkes Memorial Bridge;

HR 708, dedicating the portion of State Route 53 from the Hall/Forsyth County line to Little Hall Road in Hall County as the Officer Bobbie Sue Hoenie Memorial Highway;

HR 757, dedicating the portion of State Route 26 from mile marker 15 to mile marker 16 in Marion County as the Memorial Mile for Sheriff Horace Irving Snider;

HR 771, dedicating the intersection of State Route 8 and State Route 378/Beaver Ruin Road in Gwinnett County as the SPC Adam L. Harrell Memorial Intersection;

HR 818, dedicating the intersection at State Route 48 and State Route 157 in Chattooga County as the Bobby Lee Cook Memorial Intersection;

HR 819, dedicating the bridge on State Route 51 over the Middle Fork Broad River in Franklin County as the Fred Pulliam Memorial Bridge;

HR 821, dedicating the portion of State Route 211 from the intersection of Old Hog Mountain Road/Covered Bridge Road to the Little Mulberry River Bridge in Barrow County as the Seixas Milner Memorial Highway;

HR 897, dedicating the portion of State Route 144 from mile marker 6 to mile marker 11 in Tattnall County as the Quinton Rush Highway;

HR 620, providing a spelling correction to an existing dedication for the Charlie D. Rogers Memorial Highway WW II - US Navy; and

HR 621, providing a title to an existing dedication for the Hugh L. Moore Memorial Bridge, WW II MIA Purple Heart Recipient.

Authored By: Rep. Terry England (116th)
House Transportation
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 173 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HR 822 Georgia's opposition to shark fin trade; state

Bill Summary: House Resolution 822 states the House of Representatives' opposition to the practice of shark finning and its support for requiring standards for importers of shark fins that are equal to or stricter than those imposed by the United States.

Authored By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)
House Game, Fish, & Parks
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 171 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 03-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HR 842 General Assembly; establish standard salary for Senators and Representatives equal to 60 percent of median household income - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 842 amends the Constitution relating to salaries of General Assembly members. Starting July 1, 2023, the resolution states that each sitting state senator and representative will receive an annual salary equal to 60 percent of the median household income in Georgia, as determined biannually by the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Labor. The resolution provides ballot language for the amendment.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd) | Rule Applied: | Modified-Structured |
| House Committee: | Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight | Committee Action: | 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute |
| Floor Vote: | Yeas: 136 Nays: 33 | Amendments: | |
| Floor Action: | Adopted (Resolution) | | |

Committee Meeting Schedule

This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

Wednesday - March 16, 2022

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| 1:00 PM | HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE (House) | 606 CLOB HYBRID | VIDEO | Agenda |
| 1:30 PM | JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (House) | 132 CAP HYBRID | VIDEO | Agenda |
| 2:00 PM | FLOOR SESSION (LD 29) (House) | House Chamber | VIDEO | |
| 2:00 PM | GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House) | 406 CLOB HYBRID | VIDEO | Agenda |
| 3:00 PM | JUDICIARY NON CIVIL COMMITTEE (House) | 132 CAP HYBRID | VIDEO | Agenda |
| 3:00 PM | INDUSTRY AND LABOR COMMITTEE (House) | 506 CLOB HYBRID | VIDEO | Agenda |